Leicester, Aug. 20. '57.

Dear Garrison;

Do not think me impatient, if I say that I have felt regret at seeing nothing further in the Transcript or on our side of this "dog" matter. I can suppose reason for silence at present; but I am troubled with the fear that you mean to let it drop. I hope this counsel (if any such is given) will not prevail. It is true that we contend, as we always have, against the prejudices & hatred of an embittered community, who are only too glad to have any capital made against the Abolitionists, no matter on how slight nor on how false pretences, so long as there is any semblance of probability in the charges against them. — Sigma by his sophistry & bold-faced persistence in falsehood, has got his lying version before the public. He & his chief witness (the original concocter of the lie) have so used the names of our friends E. H. Burnham & Danvers, & Jas. N. Buffum, as to cause them to appear on his side! Is it not obvious, in these circumstances, that the testimony of both these men should be obtained and published in Transcript? Whether they were pleased

or displeased at the use Pillsbury made of his illustration. I know not; but I am certain they will brand Sigma's version as a vile falsehood; & as they have been named by him, they are (I say) bound to speak out. And whether it were wise or unwise to notice Sigma's vile slander in the outset, (I maintain it was wise & just, & a duty we owe our cause,) we cannot now refuse to follow him up to the last. If I can be of any service, in collecting this testimony, I will come to Boston at any time you will summon me. — It may be you are waiting for Sigma to disgorge his entire lie; — I fervently trust, not any longer. — Then his next leading witness, — the Christian Observer! Is it the N.Y. Observer?

I send herewith a letter I have recently rec.d from a daughter of N. S. Bailey of Newport. Ky. — If you see fit to publish the part of it not erased, I see no objection.

I am Very truly
Yours
Samuel May Jr.